

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0446-C - ORDER NO. 2000-946

NOVEMBER 22, 2000

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,	)	
Inc. for Arbitration of an Interconnection	)	ORDER CANCELLING
Agreement with US LEC of South Carolina,	)	HEARING
Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act	)	
of 1996.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on a request filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") whereby BellSouth requests that the hearing in the above-referenced docket be cancelled.

On August 29, 2000, BellSouth filed a Petition for Arbitration pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 seeking arbitration of an interconnection agreement between BellSouth and US LEC of South Carolina, Inc. ("US LEC"). Thereafter, the Commission issued Order No. 2000-765, which established an arbitration plan and schedule. According to the schedule established by Order No. 2000-765, the hearing on the Petition was to be held on November 8, 2000.

By its letter dated November 1, 2000, BellSouth informed the Commission that the parties had resolved the issues in this matter and requested that the hearing scheduled for November 8, 2000, be cancelled. While BellSouth acknowledged that the issues were resolved by the parties, BellSouth also acknowledged that a new interconnection agreement had yet to be executed. BellSouth committed to file a request to withdraw the Petition and close the docket upon both parties executing the new interconnection

agreement. BellSouth further acknowledged that should the parties find it necessary to request reinstatement of the hearing in this matter that such a request may be denied.

Upon consideration of BellSouth's request to cancel the scheduled hearing in this docket, the Commission finds that BellSouth's request should be granted. The Commission is informed that the issues raised by the Petition have been resolved, thus negating the need for a hearing. Further, BellSouth, the party filing the Petition, acknowledges that a future request for reinstatement of a hearing could be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

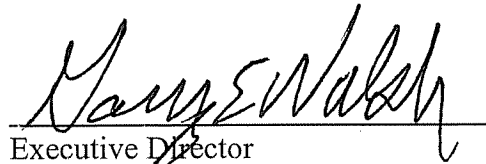
1. The hearing on this matter scheduled to begin at 2:30 P.M. on November 8, 2000, is cancelled.
2. Upon the execution of the new interconnection agreement, BellSouth shall file a request to withdraw its Petition and to close this docket.
3. Any request to reinstate the hearing in this matter should be directed to the Commission. However, the parties are cautioned that such a request may not be granted.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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